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1.	Yes	01/10/2012	12:30PM	Oneida	5 pellets in left leg and 2 in right leg	No	SP	Shooter and victim hunting grouse when shooter mistook victim who was busting through thick cover for grouse	61 yr. M Yes	27 yr. M Yes	12 gauge pump action shotgun
2.	Yes	02/04/2012	10:30AM	Jefferson	One pellet on side of head.	No	SP	Shooter was shooting at quail. Shooter could not see victim as victim was behind pine tree at game farm.	50 yr. M Yes	55 yr. M Yes	12 gauge pump action shotgun
3.	Yes	02/08/2012	04:00PM	Marinette	Gun shot wound to back of left leg in knee area.	No	SI	Shooter/Victim hunting small game carrying firearm with butt stock near his right shoulder and muzzle pointed towards ground to the left. Finger was inside the trigger guard with safety off. Victim accidentally squeezed trigger.	20 yr. M Yes	Same	.22 caliber semi-automatic rifle
4.	Yes	04/13/2012	06:00PM	Green	Pellets in hand, leg and arm	No	SP	Shooter thought victim was a turkey as he saw movement near fence line and fired one round.	48 yr. M Yes	42 yr. M Yes	12 gauge pump action shotgun
5.	Yes	4/23/2012	Unk Prior to 3pm	St. Croix	Gunshot wound to the head	Yes	SI	Shooter/Victim hunting turkey in makeshift hunting blind. Crawling/crouching under tree limbs struck gunshot	53 yr. F Yes	Same	12 gauge semi-automatic action shotgun

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6.	Yes	4/29/2012	6:38AM	Iowa	Pellet wounds to head, neck and chest	No	SP	wound to the head. Victim and shooter hunting turkey on public hunting grounds. Victim was calling in turkey for shooter. Victim got up and moved in the direction of the shooter. Shooter heard footsteps and scratching in leaves and observed what he thought to be a turkey.	56 yr. M Yes	55 yr. M Yes	12 gauge pump action shotgun
7.	Yes	5/20/2012	05:37PM	Fond Du Lac	Arrow struck victim half way between waistline and shoulder blades	No	N/A	Shooter shot an arrow from inside a sliding patio doorway on the second story of an apartment complex trying to shoot a squirrel.	16 yr. M Yes	7 yr. F Non Hunter	Bow – Premier Archery Outlaw
8.	Yes	6/05/2012	09:30AM	Dodge	Gunshot to foot	No	SI	Shooter/Victim was walking across a flat, mowed yard after having attempted to shoot nuisance woodchucks The rifle was slung (with a sling) over his right shoulder, gun in front, pointed down. The shooter was holding the barrel of the rifle with his right hand. The gun	20 yr. M Yes	Same	.22 caliber semi-automatic rifle

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								discharged into the shooter's foot.			
9.	Yes	7/06/2012	05:00PM	Waushara	Grazed skin on outer left shoulder by bird shot	No	SI	Shooter/Victim was attempting to sneak out his garage door to shoot a nuisance animal at his bird feeder when he slipped and the rifle went off. Bird shot from .22 rifle struck the outside of his left shoulder.	69 yr. M No	Same	.22 caliber lever action rifle
10.	Yes	7/15/2012	12:31PM	Manitowoc	Multiple shotgun BB's to chest and face	Yes	SP	Shooter and victim were shooting at blackbirds. Shooter shot at bird flying overhead and it landed in a tree but was still alive. Shooter walked to tree and attempted to scare bird to flight over adjoining cornfield to take another shot. Shotgun went off, striking victim in chest and face. Shooter believed he did not have finger on trigger.	12 yr. M No	13 yr. M Yes	20 gauge pump action shotgun
11.	Yes	09/15/2012	08:15AM	Walworth	Gunshot wound to the upper right arm	No	SP	Victim was hunting doves with other hunting party. Shooter shot at dove in tree. Dove flew	9 yr. M No	48 yr. M No	20 gauge pump action shotgun

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								out of the tree to the west and as it flew the shooter swung his firearm and pulled the trigger. As the slide came forward, the trigger was either already depressed or the shooter had a sympathetic response to the slide slamming forward and the shotgun fired one round striking the victim in the upper right arm.			
12.	Yes	9/16/2012	09:15AM	Jefferson	Shotgun pellets imbedded in face	No	N/A	Victim was still hunting for squirrels. Victim was looking at the tree tops when he heard a shot. Victim was struck in the face with shot pellets. Un-sure where the shot came from.	Unknown	46 yr. M No	20 gauge pump action shotgun
13.	Yes	09/18/2012	09:30AM	Washington	Bullet wound imbedded in right knee	No	SI	Shooter/Victim stated that he was shooting at a squirrel while lying on his back. Stock of rifle over his left shoulder, barrel of rifle resting on his right knee. Discharged the	16 yr. M Yes	Same	.22 caliber bolt action rifle

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								firearm while looking through scope. 22 bullet entered top of knee			
14.	Yes	09/30/2012	08:00AM	La Crosse	Damage to ¼ of large toe on left foot	No	SI	Shooter/Victim was duck hunting. Had four month old puppy on six foot lead and was holding shotgun on his right shoulder. Using only his right hand victim moved shotgun off his shoulder and the shotgun discharged striking victim in his left foot. He believed he forgot to put the safety back on after shooting earlier.	57 yr. M No	Same	12 gauge break action shotgun
15.	Yes	9/30/2012	03:00PM	Waushara	Shot in left leg, passed through and lodged into the right leg	No	SP	Shooter failed to identify his target and shot victim in leg.	53 yr. M No	61 yr. M No	.22 caliber semi-automatic rifle
16.	Yes	10/06/2012	08:34AM	Wood	Shot in right side of face with two pellets of #4 steel shot	No	N/A	Shooter shot at flushed woodcock while walking back to car. Victim was approximately 60 yards from where the shooter shot when behind brush on an island in the middle of the pond. Victim was out of sight of shooter.	39 yr. M Yes	22 yr. M Yes	12 gauge pump action shotgun

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17.	Yes	10/07/2012	02:30PM	St. Croix	.22 caliber bullet went through right side of right thumb, above the knuckle and below the thumb nail, missing the bone completely	No	SI	Shooter/Victim finished squirrel hunting and exited a small woodlot, shooter/victim unloaded the .22 rifle, after he thought the rifle was unloaded shooter/victim went to put the safety on but instead pulled the trigger, discharging the firearm.	47 yr. M No	Same	.22 caliber semi-automatic rifle
18.	Yes	10/19/2012	02:00PM	Sawyer	Projectile through left big toe and damage to second toe	No	SI	Shooter/Victim was loading firearm one handed with muzzle on his left toe and cycled bullets with lever action. Firearm discharged with projectile going through top half of large toe and causing damage to second toe.	57 yr. M Yes	Same	30-30 caliber lever action rifle
19.	Yes	10/22/2012	00:00PM	Marathon	Crossbow bolt entered left side of neck into head	Yes	SI	Victim tying haul line onto cocked and loaded crossbow when crossbow discharged.	50 yr. M	Same	Barnett Crossbow
20.	Yes	11/09/2012	03:30PM	Waukesha	Gunshot wound to lower left leg and foot	No	SI	Shooter/Victim was hunting ducks while wading in the river. Victim observed a duck around a bend	43 yr. M Yes	Same	12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun

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								in the river and anticipated having an opportunity for a shot. The victim manipulated the shotgun from the slung position to the front of his body with his right hand only. The shotgun discharged when the muzzle was pointed at his front left lower leg and foot.			
21.	Yes	11/17/2012	7:30AM	Manitowoc	Right hand pass through causing tissue damage and broken bones	No	neither	Shooter was one of two posters in <b>deer drive</b> . Victim was in a different hunting party walking approximately 246 yards from shooter. Shooter saw two deer running and shot five times. Victim was out of sight due to elevation change. Possible <i>ricochet</i> .	17 Yr. M Yes	67 Yr. M No	12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun
22.	Yes	11/18/2012	2:30PM	Portage	Gunshot wound to right arm from .35 caliber rifle without pass through	No	SP	Victim and shooter were both deer hunting from enclosed tower type stands. Approximately 150 yards from each other. Shooter observed two deer	44 Yr. F No	49 Yr. M Yes	.35 Caliber lever action rifle

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								step out from behind trees on trail which led to victim's stand. Shooter shot one deer. Victim had been shot in arm. Most likely from the <i>ricochet</i> of the shooter's bullet.			
23.	Yes	11/18/2012	3:41PM	Columbia	Single shot to right index finger	No	SI	Shooter/Victim attempting to get into a hang on tree stands 6.5 feet off the ground hanging on to his gun in his right hand when it slipped. He caught the gun again with his right index finger over the muzzle. The gun discharged and he immediately dropped the gun and jumped/fell to the ground.	45 Yr. M No	Same	.30-30 caliber lever action rifle
24.	Yes	11/19/2012	4:50PM	Douglas	Gunshot wound to the head	Yes	SP	Shooter and victim hunting together, shooter turned and saw deer. Shooter picks up rifle and finds what he believes to be a deer in the scope and fires one round. Shooter waits several minutes and goes to look for	31 Yr. M Yes	27 Yr. M Yes	.280 caliber break action rifle

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								deer. Shooter finds victim on ground with gunshot wound.			
25.	Yes	11/21/2012	3:20PM	Monroe	Gunshot wound to right bicep	No	SP	Victim and shooter were participating in <b>deer drive</b> . Victim had shot a buck during drive. Shooter said he saw what he believed to be antlers in the marsh grass. Shooter shot once hitting victim in the arm.	54 Yr. M Yes	50 Yr. M Yes	.270 caliber bolt action rifle
26.	Yes	11/22/2012	0:00 AM/PM	Sawyer	Gunshot wound through and through entering the left tricep and exiting the bicep	No	SI	Shooter/Victim shot at a deer. Victim got up to look for blood and forgot to put the safety back on. Victim attempted to step over the down log when the victim tripped causing the firearm to discharge. The victim was struck by the discharge to the left bicep area near armpit.	35 Yr. F Yes	Same	.308 caliber semi-automatic rifle
27.	Yes	11/24/2012	8:45AM	Chippewa	Gunshot to upper left chest bullet hit top of lung, bullet did not exit the body.	No	SP	Shooter and victim were both drivers in a <b>deer drive</b> . During the drive a deer ran into the drive between both shooter and victim.	14 Yr. M Yes	49 Yr. M Yes	.308 caliber bolt action rifle

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								Shooter fired 2 shots at the deer. Second shot struck the victim in the left shoulder area.			
28.	Yes	12/03/2012	2:30PM	Lincoln	Abrasion on left hand, bullet fragment entry to left neck with fragment lodging in upper right chest.	No	SI	Shooter/Victim shot out of driver's side window discharging one round and was struck by a portion of the bullet that returned as a ricochet.	68 Yr. M No	Same	.22 caliber semi-automatic action rifle